

To Quit Port Conciliators

Will Establish Method of Direct Negotiation With Longshoremen on Atlantic and Gulf Coasts

To Withdraw October 1

Local Officials Say Action Does Not Presage Strike When Agreement Expires

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, July 30.—The United States Shipping Board announced today that it will withdraw on October 1 from the National Adjustment Commission, having jurisdiction over longshoremen matters on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts. A resolution to that effect has been passed by the board and the necessary sixty days' notice has been given to the secretary of the commission.

The National Adjustment Commission, the Shipping Board announced today, "was established at the instance of the Shipping Board during the war in order to maintain close contact in the longshore industry between shipping and stevedoring interests, the International Longshoremen's Association and the United States Shipping Board."

"The Shipping Board is immediately taking steps to set up the machinery necessary for joining with the shipping and stevedoring interests in negotiating directly with the International Longshoremen's Association in reference to matters arising out of the longshore industry on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts. This method of direct negotiation is in line with its procedure in dealing with the other large groups of labor in its operating departments."

Act Does Not Presage Strike

The withdrawal by the Shipping Board from the National Adjustment Commission and the board's withdrawal from the agreement now existing between itself, the longshoremen's association and the International Longshoremen's Association does not necessarily presage with certainty a strike of longshoremen after October 1, when the agreement expires, local observers believe.

Spokesmen for the International Longshoremen's Association and the shipping companies, however, declared today that the action of the Shipping Board is the government's controlling agency for the settlement of disputes between the I. L. A. and the shipping companies, and that the government is not bound to resort to independent negotiations in whatever demands the men may see fit to put forth at the expiration of the agreement.

That the return to this conventional method of action entails greater chances of a tie-up was not denied, but it was pointed out that the advantages of the new method are many.

The only advantage lost is the fact that the awards of the National Adjustment Commission are binding upon both parties, thus precluding the possibility of strikes.

Professor William Z. Ripley is chairman of the commission. The other members are E. P. Connelley and J. V. O'Connor and Joseph P. Ryan, for the longshoremen.

Difficulties Are Seen

It is believed serious difficulties may arise in October as a result of the Shipping Board's action. A point on which sharp disagreement may be expected is that of the open shop. The present agreement existing as a result of the award of the National Adjustment Commission contains certain clauses providing for an open shop.

By union longshoremen in certain ports, are given preference in employment over all ships allocated by the Shipping Board.

A demand for the renewal of this feature or for an out and out closed shop by the International Longshoremen's Association is understood.

That the Shipping Board will not meet with rejection on the part of the shipping companies, thus creating a point of serious disagreement, is not believed.

The possibility of a tie-up of a number of Atlantic ports, including New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Hampton Roads, the chief longshore shipping center in the East, is not believed.

The International Longshoremen's Association has insisted in the existing award of the National Adjustment Commission as coming within the purview of the Shipping Board. This has been denied by Admiral Benson, chairman of the Shipping Board, and reasserted in behalf of the men by Mr. O'Connor, president of the International Longshoremen's Association.

New Agreement To Be Made

Spokesmen for shipping companies in this city declared yesterday that, whether the Shipping Board desires it or not, it cannot avoid being a party to new agreements. They explained that nearly all Shipping Board vessels are now chartered to the government on account with a cost-plus provision. When the present agreement expires, October 1, the companies will face the necessity of concluding a new agreement with the longshoremen. Thus the Shipping Board will not escape the fate of whatever understanding may be reached.

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General Chemical Co. Earnings Show Increase

Surplus for Six Months Equals \$13.40 a Share, Compared to \$8.01 Last Year

Surplus after charges and Federal taxes of the General Chemical Company for the six months ended June 30, according to a statement issued yesterday, was \$3,146,472, equivalent after preferred dividends to \$13.40 a share on the \$100,000,000 common stock.

This showing compares with a surplus of \$1,780,432, equivalent to \$8.01 a share on the \$100,000,000 common stock then outstanding. The total profits of the period exceeded those of the first half of 1919 by more than \$1,000,000, being \$4,348,472. The balance sheet shows an increase of \$1,368,040. The surplus after allowances for dividends was \$1,929,631, an increase of \$1,266,216.

Wool Consumption Drops

Bureau Says Curtailment in Textile Industries Is Cause

WASHINGTON, July 30.—A sharp drop in wool consumption, amounting to approximately 17,000,000 pounds in June, as compared with the average consumption for the preceding months of this year, was announced today by the Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Markets.

Reports to the bureau show that 46,000,000 pounds of wool entered into manufacture in June against 72,000,000 pounds in January, 63,700,000 pounds in February, 67,900,000 pounds in March, 63,000,000 pounds in April and 68,000,000 pounds in May. In June, 1919, the consumption was 55,000,000 pounds.

The drop in consumption was due, the bureau said, to the curtailment of operations in the textile manufacturing industry, resulting from lack of orders, cancellations and deferred shipments.

Owens Bottle Co. Earnings

Net for Six Months Equivalent to \$4.96 a Share

Net profits of the Owens Bottle Company and subsidiaries for the six months ended June 30, after allowances for charges and Federal taxes, were \$2,605,117, equivalent, after preferred dividends, to \$4.96 a share on the \$100,000,000 common stock.

Total income for the period was \$2,840,000, an increase of \$149,053, being \$1,201,881. The net earnings of the Owens Bottle Company, excluding subsidiaries, were \$1,990,036, an increase of \$104,015. The subsidiaries' net showed an increase of \$149,053, being \$1,201,881. The net profits of the combined companies showed an increase of \$1,066,129.

Pacific Development Corp.

1919 Earnings Show Decline

Net profits, after provisions for Federal taxes, of the Pacific Development Corporation, in the year ended December 31, according to a financial statement issued yesterday, were \$1,331,342, equivalent to \$7.51 a share on the \$100,000,000 common stock.

This showing compares with net income in the preceding year of \$1,696,699, or \$13.91 a share on the \$100,000,000 common stock. The surplus of the stock then outstanding, \$1,201,881, was \$1,201,881. The net profits of the combined companies showed an increase of \$1,066,129.

Monthly Earnings

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul

June gross.....\$13,448,234 Inc. \$602,743

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Bronx Tenants Cheer Attack Upon Judges

1,000 Applaud Woman Who Asserts Municipal Courts Have Not Lived Up to Trust Imposed by Law

Many Changes Urged

Joint Legislative Committee Hears Recommendations to Aid Housing

The Joint Legislative Committee on Housing held open council last night before more than 1,000 Bronx tenants.

A meeting, held at the Morris High School, 166th Street and Boston Road, gave the committee a score of suggestions for relieving the existing landlord and tenant situation here. The suggestions were supplied by lawyers representing hundreds of tenants in recent dispossession cases, by municipal court justices and by attorneys for various tenant organizations.

The meeting proved a calm affair in its first stages, when sharp warnings by Senator John J. Dunnigan, who presided in the absence of Senator Lockwood, the head of the committee, had the effect of silencing all applause. But the "testimony" took on so much punch that the chairman finally gave up trying to keep order and allowed it to respond as it saw fit.

Mrs. Harry Arthur, a member of the Bronx Play Rent Association of the 3d Assembly District, brought on a series of evocations by her indignant thrusts at the municipal court justices, the rent board and "those responsible for the administration of the law."

"I am speaking as a plain citizen of the Bronx when I say that tenants come to me and say: 'Mrs. Arthur, do you think we have a chance?' and I say to them in reply: 'Who's your judge and whose's your lawyer?'"

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Telephone Co. Adds to Site In 36th Street

Buy Three Buildings West of Seventh Avenue and Now Controls Plot With a Frontage of 343.4 Feet

Structure at Greenwich St. To Be Altered for Stores and Offices for Lawyers

The New York Telephone Company has enlarged its holding in West Thirty-sixth Street, just west of Seventh Avenue, for a larger exchange. The company's latest purchase involves 226 West Thirty-sixth Street, a four-story building, 228N.9, and the two three-story buildings at 230 and 232 West Thirty-sixth Street, 203N.9 and 205N.9.

The present exchange, a five-story structure at 206 to 232 West Thirty-sixth Street, occupies a frontage of 183 feet. The telephone company has been acquiring the property, for several years and with the latest acquisition, it is now in control of all of the land from 206 to 240 West Thirty-sixth Street, comprising a total frontage of 343.4 feet.

The purchase is the carrying out of the plan of the company announced some months ago that it intended to build an exchange building in West Thirty-sixth Street, between Greenwich and Washington streets, large sites on the west side of the city. Already, the company has acquired a site on the east side of the city, between Broadway and West Street, and a site on the west side of the city, between Broadway and West Street.

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